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Comments:

Re: Serial No. 10/540,894

Dear Ms. Saad:

Pursuant to my voicemail, I have faxed a draft copy of our proposed amendments to claim 5 for the above-referenced patent application. Please contact my office to discuss at your earliest convenience to determine if the amendments meet with your approval.

Thank you.

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1-4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for use in welding a pour spout fitment to a container, comprising:

an ultrasonic welding horn formed with a recess at one end thereof for receiving part of said fitment[[,]];

an anvil ~~between having~~ an annular surface portion; ~~of which anvil and said one end of the horn are vibrantly pressed~~

a wall of said container and a flange of said fitment ~~being vibrantly pressed between said annular surface portion and said one end of said horn, thereby welding to~~ weld said wall and said flange to each other[[,]];

a head fixed relative to and protruding from said anvil for receiving said fitment over a free end thereof[[,]]; and

a ring substantially co-axial with said head and protruding substantially radially outwards from said head at an end thereof opposite to said free end for maintaining an annular, radially inner portion of said flange spaced axially outwards from said annular surface portion[[,]];

wherein the improvement comprises the outer periphery of said ring being of a diametrical dimension less than a diametrical dimension of said recess.

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) A method of welding a pour spout fitment to a container, comprising causing the fitment to be received over a free end of a head fixed relative to and protruding from an anvil, and introducing said head and thereby part of said fitment into a recess in an end of an ultrasonic welding horn, wherein the